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SUBJ: FRENCH/GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PARIS 00771

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE THAT THE  
PHRASE "PERSONS WHO PRESENT A GDR PASSPORT," AS POSSIBLY  
SUBSTITUTING FOR A NATIONALITY DEFINITION (REFTEL), DID  
NOT ORIGINATE WITH GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER, BUT  
RATHER WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER. SAUVARNARGUES  
APPARENTLY REMARKED OFF-HANDEDLY IN HIS CONVERSATION  
WITH FISCHER IN JANUARY THAT A PHRASE LIKE "A PHYSICAL  
PERSON WHO PRESENTS A GDR PASSPORT" MIGHT BE AN  
ACCEPTABLE WAY TO DETERMINE GDR CITIZENSHIP FOR PURPOSES  
OF CONSULAR ACCESS. FISCHER PICKED THIS UP AND LATER  
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RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

2. THE FRENCH HERE STATE THAT THE SAUVARNARGUES PHRASE  
COULD BE USED AS A "BASIS OF DISCUSSION" IN THE  
NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL RESUME IN PARIS ON  
FEBRUARY 9, BUT ONLY IF THE GDR RAISED IT AGAIN. SUCH  
A FORMULA WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE INCLUDED IN THE  
CONVENTION BUT MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, BE SET FORTH IN AN  
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

3. WE HAVE HAD CONIRMATION OF WHAT TRANSPIRED IN PARIS  
FROM FRG STATE SECRETARY GAUS, WHO IS WORRIED ABOUT  
THIS DEVELOPMENT. IF THE FRENCH WERE TO WORK SOMETHING  
OUT WITH THE GDR ALONG THE LINES OF THE SAUVARNARGUES  
FORMULA, THE FRG'S CONCERN IS THAT, WITH THE BRITISH  
ALREADY HAVING YIELED, AND THE BELGIANS PERHAPS  
WAVERING ON THIS QUESTION, THE USG MIGHT ULTIMATELY  
REVISE ITS POSITION. GAUS TOLD US THAT THE FRENCH "HAVE  
SUGGESTED THAT WHILE THEY WILL NOT AGREE TO A STRAIGHT  
DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY, THERE MIGHT BE SOME OTHER  
WAY AROUND THE PROBLEM, "AND IT IS THEIR WILLINGNESS  
TO CONSIDER THE "OTHER WAY," JUST AT A TIME WHEN GAUS  
BELIEVES THE GDR IS GIVING LESS WEIGHT TO THE NEED  
FOR A DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY IN CONSULAR AGREEMENTS,  
THAT HAS DISTURBED BONN.GROVE

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